MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD March 10, 2004 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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A Special Meeting of the Illinois Gaming Board ("Board") was held on March 10, 2004. The Board met in the Conference Room of the Kirkland and Ellis Offices at the Aon Center, located at 200 E. Randolph, 54th Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Elzie Higginbottom. Members Violet Clark, Gary Peterlin and William Fanning were present telephonically.

The meeting convened at 9:24 A.M. Pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (11), and (14) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Riverboat Gambling Act, Member Peterlin moved that the Board retire to Closed Session to discuss the items listed under Closed Session on today's agenda and relating to the following subject matters:

- 1. Investigations concerning applicants and licensees;
- 2. Pending litigation and matters involving probable litigation; and
- 3. Personnel matters.

Member Clark seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

At 9:35 A.M. the Board recessed to attend the public auctioning for the sale of Emerald Casino Inc., conducted by the investment-banking firm Rothschild, Inc.

At 5:10 P.M. the Board reconvened in Closed session. The following Board members were present: Chairman Higginbottom, Members Violet Clark and Gary Peterlin. Member William Fanning was present telephonically.

At 6:20 P.M. the Board recessed to attend the public auction for the sale of Emerald Casino Inc., conducted by the investment-banking firm Rothschild, Inc.

At 7:37 P.M. the Board reconvened in Closed session. The following Board members were present: Chairman Higginbottom, Members Violet Clark and Gary Peterlin. Member William Fanning was present telephonically.

At 7:58 P.M. the Board recessed to attend the public auction for the sale of Emerald Casino Inc., conducted by the investment-banking firm Rothschild, Inc.

Respectfully submitted, Monica Thomas

Secretary to the Board